

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A tensioner for a belt of a drive of a motor vehicle, comprising: a first and a second idle pulleys designed to co-operate with respective belt runs of said belt; a first arm bearing said first idle pulley; a second arm hinged to said first arm about a mobile axis and bearing said second pulley; and elastic means acting at least indirectly on said arms for tensioning said belt, said tensioner being characterized in that said first arm is hinged about said mobile axis and by comprising a mobile element distinct from said first and second arm and mobile during functioning, said mobile axis being carried by said mobile element.

2. (Previously Presented) The tensioner according to Claim 1, characterized in that said mobile element is hinged about a fixed axis.

3. (Previously Presented) The tensioner according to Claim 1, characterized in that said elastic means are carried on said mobile element.

4. (Previously Presented) The tensioner according to Claim 1, characterized in that said elastic means co-operate with one of said arms and with said mobile element.

5. (Previously Presented) The tensioner according to Claim 1, characterized in that said elastic means act between said arms.

6. (Previously Presented) The tensioner according to Claim 1, characterized in that it comprises arrest elements co-operating with said arms for limiting opening of said arms with respect to one another.

7. (New) A belt drive tensioner comprising:
- first and second pulleys operating with one or more belts running over the pulleys;
 - a first arm rotatably coupled to a mobile element about a mobile axis, said first pulley being mounted on the first arm;
 - a second arm rotatably coupled to said first arm and to said mobile element about the mobile axis, said second pulley being mounted on the second arm; and
 - a spring acting on said arms to generate a tensioning force.
8. (New) The belt drive tensioner according to Claim 7, wherein the mobile element comprises:
- a first end portion rotatable about a fixed axis at a hinge; and
 - a second end portion opposite to the first end portion, the second end portion being rotatable about the mobile axis.